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Out of His Hand.

Out of His hand I can not fall—
O blessed thought! the Lord of all,
Who was a very little thing
The isles uplifeth, round me flings
His everlasting arm, and I
Upon His breast securely lie.

Out of His hand I can not go,
His mighty love constrains me so.
Though oft on restless wing I roam,
His strong right hand is still my
home;
Like wearied bird unto its nest,
Each nightfall brings me to my rest.

Out of His hand no foe can take
The soul entrusted "for His sake"
"Unto the end," He's pledged to
keep,
And I may fearless wake or sleep:
Though powers of hell encompass me
Out of His hand I can not be.

—Sel.

Things in General, Some Things In Particular.

Give us a shove.—We have received a number of letters recently. One said we are inconsistent. Perhaps we are. We are not in heaven yet, hence we look as through a glass darkly, and know only in part. One says it looks as though we have changed our mind on some things. Perhaps we have. Wise men sometimes do, but fools neven do. One says we are too pointed. Perhaps we are. An article without a point is like a saddle without girth or stirrup. One man says, give us more doctrine. Another says, give us less. I write to suit my convictions. If not liked, go to some fellow who puts up baled hay. One man said he did not admire a certain letter in the EVANGELIST. Another wrote for more of the same kind. A little boy was pushing a heavy, loaded wheelbarrow up a hill. A man said: "If you go zigzag it will be easy." The young American said with some emphasis, not necessary to write: "Thanks for your advice." And *now* suppose you *come and give us a shove.*

Doctrinal Points With Scriptural References.—This pamphlet has been issued after many trials and tribulations. My sickness hindered it for one thing, and the failure of folks to hand over what they owe was another great cause. Add to these two things the usual amount of laziness, and you have the reasons. But it is out, and on the way to the homes of many. All orders have been filled, and if in a few days after reading this, the order has not reached you, say so, by card. Be easy, and we will make it right. The book contains 60 pages in place of 48, as at first announced. Its whole tendency is toward baptism. "Only this and nothing more." In the course of human events, if the Lord permits and the devil does not prevent, the series will be completed. I have felt the need of a pamphlet on this subject, hence it is issued. Now Brethren, if it lacks any point, let me know will you? so the next edition can be improved. We must go on toward perfection. Help me in this work and I will help you. I will send you 20 Doctrinal Points and Dr. Smith's Pictorial History of the Bible, over a thousand pages, for $2. I only have ten books at this price.

"Religious Hustlers."—The Voice, of New York, sent a reporter to look up the early surroundings of Gen. Fisk, the Prohibition candidate for President. One man said "Fisk got sort o' reconverted under a religious hustler, named Adams." Now Adams has, no doubt gone to his reward, but his work lives after him. What a good thing it would be if we had some good "religious hustlers" who could hustle men out of their pride, selfishness, indifference, and other hard-shell surroundings. There are so many professors, who are like insects stung by a wasp, in a state of suspended animation. They are alive but not active. They need to be hustled out of their indifference. Would that the churches were reconverted. There are enough professors to set the world on fire; but we must first be on fire ourselves. Lord send down the fire that we may glow with thy truth.

The Story Of Jesus.—We are pushing this book all we can. Just think. 80 pages, 17 illustrations, only 10 cents. We have had calls from every circular we sent out. Only a few as a test, but they show us what we wanted to know. One hundred thousand copies ought to be sold, and shall be if I can sell them. Wont you help me scatter them. The sweet old story of Jesus. Old, yet ever new. Water to parched lips, feed for hungry souls, rest for weary brains, all in the old, old story of Jesus and his love. Let the seed be scattered, the work will develop, and fruit will come. We have received some good letters concerning the book. Can't you help on in the work? None of the proceeds are for me, it goes into the work.

How To Get Married And Then Be Happy.—The subject of my lecture has been noticed by Bro. Cassell and others, not members of our church, very kindly. It is an old subject but not worn threadbare. I have been asked by friends at a distance for a copy. It took me an hour and a half to deliver it, and to write it out for several is more than I can do. I have not the inclination, nor time. It makes me sick to write out a sermon. I have applied for copyright of title and expect to use it exclusively as my own property. I may deliver it for you some time, then you are welcome to capture all of it you can, but excuse me beloved, from undertaking to write it out, unless you will put twenty five dollars in the building fund. Then I am at your service. Will write it on nice paper, tie it with a blue ribbon, and send it postage paid.

Our Sick.—We have had some sickness to contend with. Sister Hattie Cassell has been ill since January, but is on the road to recovery. Sister Mamie Kolb has been ill for some time and is now confined to her bed. Sister Roberts has had an attack but is recovering. Sister Emma Zimmerman is also recovering from quite a severe sickness, and little Flora Truman from the scarlet fever. Very few churches can say what we can. Not a death since our organization. But he will come. Who will be the first? The question is, are we ready? This is the great point. I am feeling well at this time, sometimes my physical system gets on a strike and then the atmosphere looks blue, but so far we are on top. The old saying "a lean horse for a long pull," seems to be verified in our case. Over such a state of things we shed no tears. Thanking the great head of the church from whence comes every good and perfect gift.

Now just a word Mr. Preacher. How about that state convention. Tell your congregation to send you, and pay your expenses. Brother and Sister are you going? Well now, how glad I am. *Of course you are not going and let your pastor stay home.* Let's make that convention a success. Beloved, give us a shove.

JOHN DUKE MCFADEN.

All Sorts.

Through the earnest solicitation of Bro. J. W. Fitzgerald, pastor of the Bunker Hill, Ind., church, we were present at their communion service on Monday evening, June 11th. It afforded us great pleasure to meet with these Brethren, as we were their pastor for two years. We had quite an enjoyable meeting. Things seem to be moving nicely under Bro. Fitzgerald's leadership. We remained and preached for them three nights and had the privilege of leading one precious soul down into the waters of regeneration. All seemed to rejoice—others were near the kingdom—possibly they have came ere this time.

One the third Sunday in June was our regular appointment at Tiosa, Ind. Held communion service on Saturday evening. Good attendance and all moved off nicely, assisted by our young Bro. Wm. Stahl of that church.

On the fourth Sunday, was our day at Manchester, and a busy day it was. Sabbath School at 9:30, reorganization at 10, preaching at 11, and our number was increased by 3 additions to the church; two by letter and one by baptism. Bro. and Sister Perry, late of Ashland, Ohio, having located here handed in their letters of membership and were heartily received in the house of God with us. After receiving them, we repaired to the water and one more soul was led down in the liquid stream in obedience to the great commission. Attended camp meeting in the afternoon, preached in the evening and had confirmation service, and went home tired in the flesh but strong in the spirit. May God send refreshing showers of grace in every heart.

On the first Sunday of July we were called to dedicate a house of worship at Bracken, consequently we withdrew our appointment at home on Sunday, as quite a number of the brethren went over to the dedication. Bracken was our former home; there we preached our first sermon and have been preaching there ever since, some 12 years, and it was a pleasure to me to preach the dedicatory sermon for a people we had served so long. Bro. S. P. Stephens, of Monroeville, Ind., assisted us in this service and rendered valuable assistance in raising the funds to defray the expense. We made a call for $45.00, and when we footed up the subscriptions and collection, we had some $70.00. May the Lord bless the people.

Bro. Stephens will preach for them the coming year, and we believe good will be accomplished. Bro. Stephens has taken charge of the Huntington Progressive—Conservative church, and we might add, historically, in viewing the past, being a partnership house owned by the Progressives and Conservatives, Bro. Stephens is causing a stir among the people and especially the young, and has already accomplished great good in that community. Bro. Stephens is young in the Brethren's cause, only baptized on Easter Sunday, by Bro. Rittgers. May the Lord bless all the workers in his vineyard.

WM. W. SUMMERS.

N. Manchester, Ind., July 2.

Virginia Notes.

Our quarterly meeting of the 9th of June was to have been reported by Bro. Shaver, but seeing no report of the same, I have volunteered to do so myself.

Bro. Shaver was elected evangelist for Va., Md., and eastern Pa., at the St. James convention. He had concluded to accept the calling, but owing to our young minister withdrawing from us, we were left without a minister, and the church under these circumstances unanimously decided to detain Bro. Shaver from the evangelistic work and support him as our pastor. Therefore there is no evangelist to fill the call of the St. James convention.

At the quarterly the brethren proceeded to the election of two ministers. Bro. P. W. Wisman, of St. Luke and I were elected. I told the brethren at the time that I did not feel myself competent to fill the calling, yet after being pressed for an answer I concluded to accept with the privilege of declining if I thought proper. I have come to the conclusion that to preserve my reputation and to save the pulpit from incompetency and failure, I had better perhaps decline. It is not that I desire to shirk from duty nor that I am less zealous in the cause of Christ, but that I feel myself not capable to fill the sacred office.

I shall, however, submit to the church, and if it will not excuse me I shall have to make an effort for failure or success.

I notice in the report of the St. James convention that Bro. John Leedy's name is reported as trustee for this congregation. This is a mistake, as I have been informed. It should have been Bro. M. M. Funkhouser, of Tom's Brook.

G. A. COPP.

Auburn, Ills.

July 4.—I spent last Sunday at Ocoya. Preached morning and evening to attentive audiences. After the morning service one more was added to the church by baptism.

Hope Bro. Adrien may find his new church relation congenial and pleasant, and be greatly blessed in obeying and serving the Master.

The church at Ocoya is in a prosperous condition, and we believe it is destined to become one of our leading churches. We are led to this conclusion, from the fact that its membership is largely composed of the best citizens of the community—men and women of more than ordinary intelligence and influence, who have the sympathy and good wishes of all non-professors who know them. I feel especially encouraged by the promise of assistance from Bro. Bashor between this and fall.

The sisters are talking of organizing a S. S. C. E., and we believe, if they undertake it, they will make it a success.

Bro. and Sister Frantz are now in Texas, on business, but will return in a week or ten days.

The Sunday School and church at Auburn are doing as well as could be expected; they are working faithfully and harmoniously, and we are expecting the blessing by and by.

A. M. RIDENOUR.

Wayman Valley.

We held our communion services at Bro. Fishel's residence, June 16th. Before the meeting two were added to the church by holy baptism. Bro. Hansel officiating. There were a large number present who had never before seen God's commands obeyed in that way. Brethren B. Beachley and S. Hansel had charge of the meeting. The services were continued the next day at the school house close by. The attendance was large and the interest increasing. Among those present were a number who were members of other churches, who took an active part both in singing and praying. It showed a friendly feeling which we hope may increase until we all join our voices in praising God before the heavenly throne. Some of the members were unable to attend the meeting and desire that another be held in about three months; and when the time has been definitely fixed, we wish that all who can make arrangements to come and commune with us. It has been some time since any of our Brethren from other churches were with us.

WM. F. HERMAN.

Elkport, Iowa, July 9th, 1888.

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